Mr. S-----R.

THE *Encloſed Memoriall you are Charg'd with, in the behalf of many Thouſands of the good people of* England. *There is neither* Popiſh, Jacobite, Seditious, Court, *or* Party Intereſt *concern'd in it; but Honeſty and Truth. You are commanded by Two Hundred Thouſand* Engliſhmen, *to deliver to the H---e of C---s. and to inform them that it is no Banter, but Serious Truth; and a Serious Regard to it is expected; nothing but Juſtice, and their Duty is required, and it is required by them who have both a Right to Require, and Power to compel,* viz. *the People of* England. *We could have come to the Houſe Strong enough to Obliege them to hear us, but we have avoided any Tumults, not deſiring to Embroil, but to ſave our Native Country. If you refuſe to Comence it to them you will find cauſe in a ſhort time to Repent it.*

To *R-----t H---y* Eſq; S---r to the H-----e of C----s, *Theſe.*

The Memorial.

To the K-------s, C-------s, *and* B-------s *in* P-------t *Aſſembled.*

A Memorial,

From the Gentlemen, Free-holders and inhabitants of the Counties of-----in the behalf of themſelves, and many Thouſands of *England.*

GENTLEMEN,

It were to be wiſh'd you were men of that Temper, and poſſeſs'd of ſo much Honour, as to bear with the Truth, tho' it be againſt you: Eſpecialy from us who have ſo much Right to tell it you: but ſince even Petitions to you from Your Maſters, (for ſuch are the People who Choſe you) are ſo Haughtily receiv'd, as with the Commiting the Authors to Illegal Cuſtody; you muſt give us leave to give this fair Notice of your Misbehaviour, without expoſing our Names. If you think fit to rectifie your Error, you will do well, and poſſibly may hear no more of us; but if not, aſſure your ſelves the Nation will not long hide their Reſentment. And tho' there are no ſtated proceedings to bring you to your Duty, yet the great Law of Reaſon ſays, and all Nations allow, that whatever Power is above Law, is Burthenſome, and Tyrannical; and may be Reduced by *Extrajudical* Methods; You are not above the Peoples Reſentments, they that made you Members, may reduce you to the ſame rank from whence they choſe you; and may give you a Taſte of their abuſed kindneſs, in Terms you may not be pleas'd with. When the People of *England* Aſſembl'd in Convention, Preſented the Crown to His Preſent Majeſty, they annexed a Declaration of the Rights of the People, in which was Expreſs'd what was Illegal and Arbitrary in the former Reign, and was claim'd as of Right to be done by Suceeding Kings of *England.* In like manner, here follows, *Gentlemen,* a ſhort abridgement of the Nations Grievances, and of your Illegal and Unwarrantable Practices; and a Claim of Right, which we make in the Name of our ſelves, & ſuch of the good people of *England,* as are Juſtly Allarum'd at your Proceedings. I. To raiſe Funds, for Money, and Declare by borrowing Clauſes, that whoſoever Advances Money on thoſe Funds ſhall be Re-imburs'd out of the Next Aids, if the Funds fall ſhort; and then give Sebſequent Funds, without Transferring the Deficiency of the former, is a horrible Cheat on the Subject who lent the Money; a Breach of Publick Faith, and deſtructive to the Honour and Credit of Parliaments. II. To Impriſon Men who are not your own Members, by no Proceedings but a Vote of the Houſe, and to continue them in Cuſtody, *Sine Die,* is Illegal; a Notorious Breach of the Liberty of the People; Setting up a Diſpenſing Power in the Houſe of Commons, which your Fathers never pretended to; bidding Defiance to the *Habeas Corpus* Act, which is the Bulwark of Perſonal Liberty, Deſtructive to the Laws, and Betraying the Truſt repos'd in you. *The King at the ſame time being obliged to ask you leave to continue in Cuſtody the Horrid Aſſaſſinators of his Perſon.* III. Commiting to Cuſtody thoſe Gentlemen, who at the command of the People (whoſe Servants you are) and in Peaceable way to put you in mind of Petitioning for Redreſs of Grievances, which has by all Parliaments before you, been acknowledged to be their undoubted Right. IV. Voting a Petition from the Gentlemen of *Kent* Inſolent, is Ridiculous and Impertinent, becauſe the Free-holders of *England* are your Superiors; and is a contradiction in it ſelf, and a Contempt of the *Engliſh* Freedom, and Contrary to the Nature of Parliamentary Power. V. Voting People Guilty of Bribery and ill Practices, and Committing them as aforeſaid, without Baill, and then upon Submiſſion, and kneeling to your Houſe, diſcharging them; Exacting Exorbitant Fees by your Officers is Illegal, Betraying the Juſtice of the Nation, Selling the Liberty of the Subject, Incouraging the Extortion and Villany of Gaolers and Officers; and diſcontinuing the Legal Proſecution of Offenders in the ordinay Courſe of Law. VI. Proſecuting the Crime of Bribery in ſome to ſerve a Party, and then proceed no further, tho' Proof lay before you, is Partial and Unjuſt; and a Scandal upon the Honour of Parliaments. VII. Voting the Treaty of Partition, Fatal to *Europe,* becauſe it gave ſo much of the *Spaniſh* Dominions to the *French,* and not concern your ſelves to prevent their taking Poſſeſſion of it all. Deſerting the *Dutch* when the *French* at their Doors, till it be almoſt too late to help them; is Uujuſt to our Treaties, and unkind to our Confederats, Diſhonourable to the *Engliſh* Nation, and ſhew you very negligent of the Safety of *England,* and of our Proteſtant Neighbours. VIII. Ordering immediat hearings to trifling Petitions, to pleaſe Parties in Elections; and *Poſtpone* the Petition of Widow for the Blood of her Murthered Daughter, without giving it a Reading: is an Illegal delay of Juſtice, diſhonourable to the Publick Juſtice of the Nation. IX Addreſſing the King to diſplace his

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Friends upon bare Surmiſes, before a Legal Tryal or Article prov'd, is Illegal, and Inverting the Law, and making Execution go before Judgment; contrary to the true ſence of the *Law*; which eſteems every Man a good Man till ſomething appears to the contrary. X. Delaying the Proceedings upon Capital Impeachments, to blaſt the Reputation of the Perſons, without proving the Fact; is Illegal and Oppreſſive, Deſtructive of the Liberty of *Engliſhmen*, a Delay of Juſtice, and a Reproach to Parliaments. XI. Suffering Sawcy and indecent Reproches upon His Majeſties Perſon to be publickly made in your Houſe; particularly by that Impudent Scandal of Parliaments *J----n H----w*, without ſhewing ſuch Reſentments as you ought to do. The ſaid *J-----H.----w* ſaying only "That His Majeſty had made a Felonious Treaty to rob his Neighbours; inſinuating that the Partition Treaty (which was every way as Juſt "as blowing up one mans Houſe to ſave anothers) was a Combination to the King to rob "the Crown of *Spain* of its due. This is making a *Billingſgate* of the Houſe; and ſetting up to *B*ully your Sovereign, contrary to the intent and meaning of that Freedom of Speech, which you claim a Right, is ſcandalous to Parliaments; Undutiful and Unmannerly, and a Reproach to the whole Nation. XIII. Your S----r Exacting the Exorbitant Rate of 10*l. per Diem* for the V-----s, and giving the Printer incouragement to raiſe it on the people, by ſelling them at 4*d. per* Sheet; is an Illegal and Arbitrary Exaction, diſhonourable to the *Houſe*; and burthenſome to the *people*. XIV. Neglecting ſtill to pay the Nations Debts, Compounding Intereſt, and *poſtponing* petitions; is Illegale, Diſhonourable, and Diſtructive of the publick Faith.

Publickly neglecting the great work of *Reformation of Manners*, tho' often preſs'd to it by the King, to the great Diſhonour of God, and incouragment of Vice, is a Neglect of your Duty, and an abuſe of the Truſt repoſed in you, by *God*, His Majeſty, and *People*. XV. Being Scandalouſly Vicious yourſelves, both in your Morals and Religion; Lewd in Life, and Erroneous in Doctrine, haveing publick Blaſphemers and Impudent Deniers of the Divinity of our Saviour amongſt you, and ſuffering them unreproved and unpuniſhed, to the infinite Regrate of all good Chriſtians, and the Juſt abhorence of the whole Nation. Wherefore, In the Proſpect of the impending Ruine of our Native Country while Parliaments (which ought to be the Security and Defence of our Law; and Conſtitution) betray their Truſt and abuſe the People whom they ſhould protect: And no other way being being left us but *That Force* which we are very loth to make uſe of, that Poſterity may know we did not inſenſibly fall under the Tyranny of Prevailing Party we do hereby

CLAIM and DECLARE

1. That it is the undoubted Right of the People of *England*, in caſe their Repreſentatives in Parliament do not proceed to their Duty, and the Peoples Intereſt, to Inform them of their Diſlike, diſown their Actions, and to direct them to ſuch things as they think fit, either by Petition, Addreſs, Propoſal, Memorial, or any other Peaceable way.

2. That the Houſe of Commons, ſeparatly and otherwiſe than by Bill, legally Paſs'd into an Act, have no legal Power to ſuſpend or diſpence with the Laws of the Land, any more than the King has by his prerogative. 3. That the Houſe of Commons have no legal Power to Impriſon any perſon or commit them to Cuſtody of Serjants, or otherwiſe (their own Members except) but ought to addreſs the King, to cauſe any perſon on good grounds, to be apprehended, ought to have the Benefite of the *Habeas Corpus* Act, and be fairly brought to Tryal by due Course of Law.

4. That if the Houſe of Commons, in breach of the Laws and Liberties of the People, do betray the Truſt Repoſed in them, and act negligent or arbitrarily and Illegaly, it is the undoubted Right of the People of England to call them to an account for the ſame, and by Convention, Aſſembly or Force, may proceed againſt them as Traitors, and Betrayers of their Country. These things we think proper to declare, as the unqueſtion'd Right of the People of England, whom you ſerve, and in purſuance of that Right (avoiding the Ceremony of Petitioning our Inferiors, for ſuch you are by your preſent Circumſtances, as the Perſon SENT is leſs than the SENDER) We do publickly proteſt againſt all your foreſaid Illegal Actions, and in the name of ourſelves, and of all the good people of *England*, do

REQUIRE AND DEMAND,

1. That all publick juſt Debts of the Nation be forthwith paid and Diſcharg'd. 2. That all perſons *illegally impriſoned*, as aforeſaid, be either immediatly diſcharged, or admitted to Bail, as by Law they ought; and the Liberty of the Subject Recoghiz'd and Reſtor'd.

3. *J----n H----w* aforeſaid be obliged to ask his Majeſty Pardon for his Vile Reflections, or be immediatly expelled the Houſe.

That the growing Power of *France* be taken into Conſideration; the Succeſſion of the Emperor to the Crown of *Spain* ſupported, our *Proteſtant* Neighbours protected, as the true Intereſt of *England*, as the *Proteſtant Religion* requirs.

That the French King be obliged to quit *Flanders*, or that his Majeſty be addreſs'd to declare War againſt him.

6. That *Suitable Supplies* be granted to his Majeſty for the Putting all theſe neceſsary things in execution, and that care be taken that ſuch taxes as are raiſed, may be more equally Aſſeſſed and Collected, and ſcandelous Defficiences prevented.

7. That the Thanks of the Houſe may be given to theſe Gentlemen who ſo gallently appeared in th behalf of their Country, with the Kentiſh petition, and have been ſo ſcandalouſly uſed for it.

Thus *Gentlemen*. You have your Duty laid before you, which 'tis hopped you will think of; but if you continue to neglect it, you may exſpect to be treated according to the Reſentmen of an *injured* Nation; for *Engliſhmen* are no more to be Slaves to *Parliament*, than to a King.

Our Name is *Legion*, and we are many.

POSTSCRIPT.

If you require to have this Memorial *ſign'd with our Names, it ſhall be done on your firſt Order, and* perſonally preſented.

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